

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/28/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6, 7, 11-19.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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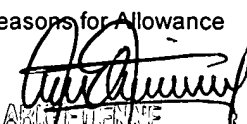
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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1. This action is responsive to the correspondence filed on October 28, 2005.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-19 represent special gateway for multimedia network.

2. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-19 are allowed.

3. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.109 and M.P.E.P. 1302.14, the following is an

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination the claimed limitations of "a first communication forwarding means that replaces a fixed IP address in a data packet sent from the terminating Real Time Data over IP host to the originating Real Time Data over IP host with a first dynamic IP address to conceal the fixed IP address of the terminating Real Time Data over IP host. wherein the fixed IP address of the originating Real Time Data over IP host is unknown to the first communication forwarding means; and a second communication forwarding means that replaces a fixed IP address in a data packet from the originating Real Time Data over IP host to the terminating Real Time Data over IP host with a second dynamic IP address to conceal the fixed IP address of the originating Real Time Data over IP host, wherein the fixed IP address of the terminating Real Time Data over IP host is unknown to the second communication forwarding means, wherein, during the setup of a communication session between the originating Real Time Data over IP host and the terminating Real Time Data over IP host, the communication control means exchanges only the dynamic IP addresses between the first and second communications forwarding means." as in claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-19.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to El Hadji Sall whose telephone number is (571)272-4010. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-4010.

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